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To the Board of Christian Education,
North Carolina Conference, Methodist
Episcopal Church, South, in annual
session at Jarvis Memorial Church,
Greenville, N. C., November 18, 1931.

Dear Brethren:

As briefly as seems fair to the interests concerned, I submit herewith my report as Executive Secretary.

This report, for the year just ending, embraces not only the five-months period since June 15, 1931, when your Executive Secretary assumed his active relationship to the Board, but also that part of the year prior to June 15, during which Professor H. E. Spence served as Executive Secretary *ad interim*.

Reliance for facts concerning the period prior to June 15 is upon a written report of Professor Spence on file with other papers of the Board, upon records in our office, and upon the situation as I found it upon my return from Yale University.

The record for the year is so much of a piece -- the second part depending largely upon what happened in the first and much that was initiated in the first reaching its development only in the latter part of the year -- that I shall attempt to review the year's work as a whole, to evaluate the present situation as I see it, and to indicate certain emphases which, in my judgment, should be made in the new year.

MAJOR LINES OF ACTIVITY

To our Board was committed a year ago the responsibilities, assets, and liabilities of three former Boards of

the North Carolina Conference: The Board of Education, the Epworth League Board, and the Sunday School Board. To us was given the responsibility of administering the combined task and program of these former boards. Our efforts have been in the direction of conserving every good thing which these former boards have stood for and promoted and, at the same time, in harmony with the General Conference legislation, developing in our Conference and in local churches a unified program of Christian education. We have given attention, insofar as practicable, to our schools and colleges, to our young people's work, and to other phases of the educational task of the local church. In the main, our efforts have been directed toward the following ends.

1. Creating a wholesome atmosphere into which to project the new program;

2. Interpreting this program to our people;

3. Training workers to carry on this program;

4. Making missionary training an integral part of the educational program of each local church; and

5. Laying the foundation for a more intensive and a more nearly conference-wide interpretation and promotion next year.

Creating a Wholesome Atmosphere

Professor Spence, drafted at the last session of the Annual Conference to act as Executive Secretary in my absence, did so until June 15. At an early meeting of the Executive Committee, Professor Spence reports, he was instructed to pursue the work along the regular lines but not to impose schools or other meetings on any group that did not feel

anxious to have such meetings. It was also suggested that he consult with the presiding elders to discover their preference with regard to the holding of a conference-wide conference on Christian education. He reports that the presiding elders were practically unanimously agreed that it would be best not to try to hold a conference-wide meeting but agreed to give a special hour at the district conferences which would be devoted to the work of our Board.

In accordance with their suggestion, Professor Spence and Dr. W. A. Stanbury together represented the Board at every district conference. Two conferences were represented by ~~Professor Spence~~ Dr. Stanbury personally, and on one occasion Professor Spence and Dr. Stanbury jointly represented the work. They report that these conferences were well attended by superintendents and other Sunday school workers, in addition to the regular members of the district conferences, and that in every case our program was cordially received.

Professor Spence followed up the training schools of previous years, offering to conduct schools wherever they were desired. He reports, however, that on account of the depression almost all of the places where Standard schools had been previously held, suggested that the schools be postponed. Arrangements were made for the holding of three Standard schools, the others being postponed until another year. Arrangements were made with Duke University for the services of seven capable young men as Cokesbury workers and with the pastors in the various districts to serve all charges desiring Cokesbury schools. Both the Standard and Cokesbury schools, however, were actually conducted in the summer and fall.

The regular work of the office was carried on with the assistance of Miss Ruth Rogers, office secretary. All necessary correspondence was attended to, inquiries answered, literature distributed, a page of Advocate material prepared each week, and special days, such as monthly Missionary Day, Sunday School Day, College Day, and Mother's Day stressed.

In addition to the work already enumerated, Professor Spence reports that an attempt was made to satisfy such calls as came for public addresses, and assistance was given to the local church, especially Duke Memorial, in efforts to integrate the program of Christian education.

Thus had Professor Spence, Miss Rogers, and Dr. Stanbury not only done a great deal of good work along lines which have been indicated, but they had, in particular, created a friendly atmosphere in which our new program might live and move and have its being.

I
Our Schools and Colleges

Our services to our schools and colleges have been limited. Professor Spence made an attempt to bring about a better correlation between the local churches and Duke University and also to investigate the religious situation in our schools and colleges. Concerning the results of his investigations, Professor Spence said:

"Conditions were found to be fairly satisfactory, and there is every evidence of the willingness of our college and university authorities to cooperate with the Board in every practical way."

In the hope of rendering some service to our

institutions of higher learning, I spent two weeks at Lake Junaluska with Dr. W. M. Alexander, Dr. J. M. Culbreth and Professor Boyd M. McKeown of the Department of Schools and Colleges of the General Board, in a study of the college situation in our Church, especially of the Wesley Foundation Movement.

In this connection I report the discontinuance of the Wesley Foundation work at Chapel Hill, the only point in our Conference where a Wesley Foundation director has been at work. I report, also, however, that the situation seems ripe for the inauguration of a Wesley Foundation in connection with another of our state institutions in the near future.

Whether or not we are doing a great deal for them, our institutions are nevertheless rendering a great service to us. Greensboro College continues to maintain its high standard of work.

We rejoice that Louisburg College has had a very successful year from the standpoint not only of increased enrollment but also of a very high type of work. This institution has entertained again this year our Young People's Assembly. At Louisburg it has been our custom to conduct annually a Standard Training School for the college students and for workers from neighboring churches.

And from Duke University we receive, among other things, free office space and the service of a group of School of Religion students for service in our country churches each summer.

Undergraduate courses in religious education, to a greater or less extent, are being offered in these institutions.

It would be difficult to overestimate the value of these courses, and I would recommend that additional courses be included in the curriculum as soon as practicable.

It is our plan to use every opportunity to acquaint our churches with their colleges and university and to enlist their intelligent support of these institutions.

II
The Local Church

Although we have not been unmindful of our responsibility to our schools and colleges, the major part of our time has been spent in the interest of the local church. In this area we have centered our attention primarily upon the work of interpreting the new program to local churches. We have made only a good beginning. It is gratifying to report, however, that wherever the new program has been presented, it has been heartily received. Many (how many we have no accurate way of estimating until we receive reports from the presiding elders) churches have set up Local Church Boards of Christian Education as the first step toward unifying their work. Others have not only done this but gone the next step and established the three age-group divisions into which the program and organization are divided.

Children's Division

Although without the services of a director for this division of the work of our Board, this work has not been entirely neglected. All members of our staff have given attention to its promotion. Some assistance, also, has come from district workers. We have had the good

fortune, furthermore, of having nearly three weeks of the time of Miss Mary Skinner, Director of the Children's Division of the General Board of Christian Education. She conducted discussion groups at our Pastors' School in June. She also taught courses for Children's division workers in our Raleigh and Durham Standard training schools, conducted conferences with children's workers in district meetings which we arranged in the Durham, Raleigh, Washington, New-Bern, and Fayetteville districts; and had personal interviews with many of our workers.

An increasing number of Vacation Church Schools are being held each year. The present year has witnessed the holding of perhaps the largest number in our history. Guidance and other assistance were furnished wherever requested.

We have reason to believe, also, that Childhood and Youth Week was more generally and more effectively observed this year than ever before. The use of the radio perhaps served to stimulate an interest in this important part of our program in the interest of a more intelligent participation on the part of parents in the Christian training of their own children.

Although children's work has reached perhaps the highest degree of development of all the divisions of the Church, I would call to your attention the dangers of neglect at this point. A children's worker should be chosen as soon as practicable. Until then your Executive Secretary and his associates will continue to render such service to this division as possible in connection with their other responsibilities. It is our purpose early in the new year

to seek to discover a volunteer children's worker for each district in our Conference.

Young People's Division

It was a wise choice when Rev. Thomas McM. Grant, who for eight years was President of our Epworth League Assembly, was secured to superintend our young people's work in its period of transition. In his own quiet yet effective manner he prepared the way for unifying the program and organization of all the young people's groups of our Church.

When I began my work on June 15, our Young People's Assembly was only about three weeks off. It was my privilege to assist in completing arrangements for the Assembly, to teach a course in it, to assist in setting up the new Conference Young People's Organization, and to enjoy the fellowship of the young people as they enthusiastically and unanimously went about the business of unifying the program and organization of all our young people's groups. (For a complete account of the Assembly, see the report of the Secretary, which is attached hereto.)

Following the Assembly district young people's meetings were held throughout our Conference, with a total of approximately 1500 persons in attendance. At these meetings the program and organization of the Young People's Division and its relationship to the rest of the Church were explained.

One of the most significant steps in the development of our young people's work was the employment of a Director of Young People's Work. We feel we were most fortunate both

in the selection which was made and in the arrangement by which we were enabled to finance this worker. In Miss Blanche Barringer, for several years secretary of the Epworth League Assembly and one of the best-trained and most capable young people's workers in our Church, we have one who is developing our young people's program in a splendid way. She began her official relationship with our Board on September 1. Anticipating her responsibilities, Miss Barringer spent two weeks at Lake Junaluska in August attending the council of general and conference staff workers and taking courses in the Leadership School. It was my privilege to have this opportunity also further to acquaint myself with the details of our new program of Christian education. She is serving not only as our Director of Young People's Work, but also as Extension Secretary. These offices are very closely and vitally related.

Miss Barringer's report to the Executive Secretary is attached hereto and is made a part of this report. I suggest a careful reading.

Adult Division

A beginning has been made in developing our adult work in keeping with the legislation and the recommendations of the General Board of Christian Education. Your Executive Secretary, serving also as Director of Adult Work, has had the assistance of Rev. M. Leo Rippy, Director of the Adult Division of the General Board, who spent a week in our Conference in October, teaching in the Raleigh training school and conducting a series of adult conferences in five districts at Durham, Fayetteville, Wilson, Goldsboro, and Raleigh. We

are following up his visit. One of our needs is to make adequate provisions in this division for the young adults (those above 24 years of age who formerly were identified with the Epworth League but who now are ineligible for membership in the Young People's Division). We believe that to work through district directors of adult work is a practicable and effective way to promote adult work, and it is our purpose to secure and train such workers as rapidly as possible.

Training Workers

Already reference has been made to the Board's policy regarding training schools. Here let it be recorded that through three Standard Training Schools conducted in the fall, through the 73 Cokesbury Schools held in the summer, and through local training classes approximately 172 churches were served. Through these and through college classes a total of 2085 units of Standard and Cokesbury credit were issued. These, together with the 502 Christian Culture credits issued at the Young People's Assembly, run our total of training awards for the year to 2587. Details concerning our training record appear in the exhibits attached to this report.

With the new courses being made available a fresh demand for training schools and classes is anticipated. With our new organization, and with from thirty-five to forty percent of our officers and teachers new in their job each year, there never was a greater need for training.

Institutes have been used to provide what may be a less effective but certainly a more popular type of

training. In addition to the Young People's meetings held in every district of our Conference and the Children's and Adult conferences held in five of the districts with the aid of Miss Skinner and Mr. Rippy, a four-days' institute for Alamance County was conducted at Front Street Church, Burlington, in October. It is our opinion that there is a place in our program for more institutes and other less formal types of training.

Extension Work

Our Extension work has not been confined to Cokesbury training schools nor to the services of the students working under the Duke Endowment. Your Executive Secretary, and since September 1 your Extension Secretary, have had numerous contacts with various rural churches, in institutes, Cokesbury schools, conferences, relocation projects and building plans, and other types of service.

The student workers who served under our Board in the summer did not confine their work to teaching. Vacation Schools, revivals, surveys, and personal conferences also engaged their time and efforts.

Missionary Education

Heavy obligation rests upon us to make missionary training a vital and integral part of our program of Christian education. This obligation is on the way to being more or less adequately met in the Young People's Division, our young people having incorporated missionary training into their program and set as their Special the amount of $3,550 in the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise. Encouraging progress, also, is being made in assigning

shares in this Enterprise to adult groups. The situation seems not quite so favorable in the Children's Division, the last General Conference having allowed the Woman's Missionary Society to continue to organize special groups of children for missionary purposes.

With all the progress that is being made in this matter, our missionary record, judged from the amount of the missionary offerings remitted to our Treasurer, is still anything but satisfactory; recent reports place the North Carolina Conference near the bottom of the list of Conferences of the connection.

There may be various reasons for this poor record. Among others, however, the one most commonly given is that one Sunday's offering is given to the Orphanage, so that it is next to impossible to give another Sunday's offering to missions and still have enough money for operating expenses. It is recommended, therefore, that efforts be made to arrive at a working agreement with the Orphanage whereby the fifth Sunday becomes Orphanage Sunday. leaving the fourth Sunday free for missionary training, as the Discipline requires.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR NEXT YEAR

Looking to a more intensive and more nearly conference-wide interpretation and promotion of our work next year, certain very definite steps have already been taken.

Early in October was held in Durham a meeting of a group of workers from our Conference, together with a group from the Western North Carolina Conference. This was known

as an Interpreters' Conference. Rev. J. Q. Schisler, Secretary of the Department of the Local Church of the General Board, met with us. From the group receiving this special training we expect to secure several who will become approved to offer the new course on "Organizing for Christian Education in the Local Church" and otherwise to help to promote our program.

For the past two weeks I have been interviewing selected students from the School of Religion, this for the purpose of discovering a group to serve as Cokesbury instructors next summer. I would recommend that our Board make application to the Duke Endowment for the services of eight or ten students in the summer of 1932.

Our staff has been on the alert to discover capable persons to serve as district workers. We hope early in the new year to have a complete corps of district workers in every district.

Calls have been coming in for various forms of service after conference. Tentative engagements have been made. The outlook is for more calls than can be promptly met.

EMPHASES FOR 1932

For your consideration we propose three main emphases for 1932.

The first would seek to organize each local church in our Conference for the new program of Christian education. We agree with our General Board that we have talked about a unified program long enough; we believe that further delay in taking definite action jeopardizes the chance to make

effective in local churches what our General Conference so wisely directed.

Our second emphasis would be a determined effort to bring more people into our membership. Although our Conference is one of only about a half a dozen in our connection which last year showed any increase in enrollment, we are not reaching our constituency. The time seems ripe for an advance in all of our districts in this matter. Our General Board is requesting all conferences to make this one of three major emphases for 1932.

Our third suggested emphasis would center our attention for at least twelve months on the matter of missionary education and missionary giving. Reference to the situation in the North Carolina Conference has already been made. The need seems urgent.

Taking stock of achievements in our work of Christian education for the year just closing has led us into considerable dealing in futures. For, chiefly, this has been a year of foundation-laying. Much that has been done has been the necessary patient preliminaries to what we believe, and our Church expects, to be a new day in Christian education in our Methodism.

L. L. Gobbel

REPORT OF EXTENSION SECRETARY AND
DIRECTOR OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIVISION

November 18, 1931

To the Executive Secretary:

In this report is covered the period from September 1 to November 18, 1931, the period of my official relationship to our Board of Christian Education. I have conceived my work to be that of Extension Secretary and Director of the Young People's Division, and insofar as time and demands have allowed, I have addressed myself to this two-fold task. Due to the immediate pressing demands for help in the Young People's Division, I have given most of my time to this phase of my work.

Young People's Work

I began my work on September 1 by taking part in the Fayetteville District Young People's meeting held at Steele Street Church, Sanford, the Executive Secretary, having already arranged for a series of young people's meetings in each of the districts of the Conference. During the month of September seven district meetings of young people were held, one each in the Fayetteville, Washington, Elizabeth City, Durham, and Raleigh districts, and two in the Weldon district, similar meetings having already been held in the Rockingham, New Bern, and Wilmington districts during August before I took up my duties. By means of the splendid cooperation of our

young people's district secretaries, as well as presiding elders, these meetings were well advertised and well attended, the average attendance at each meeting being 150. Thus, through these group meetings, we were able to reach between 1400 and 1500 of the young people of this Conference, as well as a large number of our pastors and adult leaders of young people. The purpose of these meetings was two-fold: they served as echo meetings of our Young People's Assembly held at Louisburg College in July; and they also afforded an opportunity for the interpretation and discussion of the new plans for young people's work and its relationship to the total educational program of the local Church. Pamphlet material setting forth the plans for organization was distributed at each meeting, and, wherever possible, this has been supplemented by personal correspondence and personal visits.

In the three Standard Training Schools which have been held in our Conference this fall, Washington, Durham, and Raleigh, I have taught the course in "Program and Organization of the Young People's Division in the Local Church". A total of 52 were enrolled in these classes and 39 credits were issued.

During the past two and a half months I have personally visited twenty different charges, meeting with groups of young people and their leaders in each case in an effort to help them better understand the suggested program and organization for young people's work in the

local Church. A report from the Nashville office dated October 30 shows that thirteen Young People's Divisions in our Conference have already received their charters. We have had information concerning the organization of equally as many more whose charters have not yet been issued. There are also five organized Young People's Unions in our Conference, and plans are being made for the organization of several others in the immediate future.

Realizing our responsibility for the missionary education of young people, we have made a special effort, first, to conserve what has been gained in the work of the Young People's Missionary Societies of our Conference. To this end we have personally corresponded with the conference, district, and local leaders of young people's missionary societies, and have enlisted their cooperation in the new program for young people's work. In the second place, we have laid special emphasis on the Young People's Mission Special. This has been done by personal correspondence through the district secretaries, as well as by means of personal correspondence with all groups represented at our Young People's Assembly and other groups which have formerly made pledges to the African Special of the Epworth League.

Concerning our plans for the coming year's work, it is our purpose, first, to work through the district secretaries and presiding elders in each district in an effort to interpret the new plans for Christian Education

in the local Church, emphasizing particularly the program and organization of young people's work. This will be done by means of personal visits in each district under the direction of the presiding elder and district secretary, by means of Standard and Cokesbury classes and schools, wherever possible, by means of district meetings or institutes similar to those held this fall, and by means of personal correspondence and the distribution of available helpful literature.

In addition to emphasizing the organization of young people's divisions and young people's unions throughout the Conference, it is our purpose to continue our emphasis on missions, both in the matter of missionary education and in the matter of missionary giving. At our Assembly last July the young people set as their goal in missions for this year $3550. District delegations accepted as their respective district quotas the following amounts:

Durham	$450
Raleigh	450
Washington	450
Wilmington	400
Elizabeth City	400
Rockingham	400
New Bern	400
Fayetteville	300
Weldon	300

Young People's groups represented at the Assembly pledged $1965 and volunteered to assist in raising the balance of the Conference quota before the next Assembly. Since the last Assembly additional pledges of $123 have been received, making a total of $2088 pledged by the young people of this Conference. Following is the amount pledged

by each district:

Durham	$ 540
Raleigh	370
Washington	160
Wilmington	280
Elizabeth City	200
Rockingham	65
New Bern	150
Fayetteville	118
Weldon	205

Through newly organized young people's divisions, as well as through groups of young people in each district who have not yet made any pledge to this Special, we hope to increase greatly the amount already pledged. We also hope, by means of our district secretaries and their assistants, to keep in close touch with all groups that make pledges to this Special to the end that a high percentage of these pledges may be paid in full by the time our next Assembly meets.

Early in the spring it is our plan to have a meeting of all the officers of our Conference Young People's Organization for the purpose of making plans for our Young People's Assembly next summer. It is our hope that we may be able to work out a plan whereby a separate assembly or camp may be held for the 12-15 year-old group, in addition to the regular assembly for those 16-24 years of age.

One of our chief objectives in young people's work this year will be an increased emphasis on leadership training. It is our purpose to provide a special young people's training course in each Standard School, to provide Christian Culture courses in our Summer Assemblies

and, wherever possible, in institutes, and to encourage young people's training classes in as many local Churches as possible.

Another objective for the new year is an increase in the membership of our young people's groups. Our experience with young people's groups already organized on the unified basis shows a decided increase in the number of young people and leads us to believe that the time is ripe for definite membership emphasis in the young people's division.

Extension Work

The North Carolina Journal for 1930 shows that there are in this Conference 589 rural Churches with an approximate membership of 63,000. Of these rural Churches 539 reported a Sunday School enrollment of approximately 48,000; therefore, there are fifty (50) Churches in this Conference without an organized Sunday School. 162 Epworth Leagues were reported with a total membership of 4654; hence, there were 377 rural Churches which reported no Epworth League organization.

One of my first and most important tasks is to make a thorough survey and study of these rural Churches and their needs, and in cooperation with the presiding elders and pastors try to discover the most effective means of providing for them an adequate program of Christian education.

In providing an adequate extension program, the promotion of leadership training in the small Churches

will continue to be emphasized. It is our purpose to encourage and promote Cokesbury schools and classes in as many rural Churches as possible throughout the coming year, particularly in places where schools have not been held heretofore. It is also our purpose to follow up these training schools and classes by carefully checking over the reports which are made by each instructor and supplying whatever assistance is needed in each case by means of personal correspondence, distribution of literature, and personal visitation.

Since one of the most urgent needs of the rural Church is trained leadership, the organization of young people's work and the promotion of leadership training among young people in rural Churches will be one of our most effective means of meeting this particular need. Hence, I feel that my duties as Extension Secretary and my duties as Director of Young People's Work are very vitally related, and it is my desire to concentrate much of my time and effort upon certain definite territory where little has been done and is being done towards providing a program of Christian education, particularly for young people.

Since our Conference does not have at the present time a Director of Children's Work, in my work as Extension Secretary I shall give such assistance as I am able to give to children's workers in our rural Churches by means of correspondence and personal visits. I have found in the rural Churches which I have visited this

fall that the children's work is better organized than any other phase of our work and the children's workers are better trained than any other group of our workers. This is largely due to the excellent work of Mrs. W. F. Dowdy (formerly Miss Georgie Keene), former Elementary Superintendent, and certainly offers a challenge to our present staff both to maintain this high standard of efficiency in our children's work and at the same time to endeavor to raise gradually the standard of efficiency in young people's and adult work until all three divisions of the local Church may be equally efficient in their work.

In accordance with the general program of our Church, missionary education will receive increased emphasis this year. It is our purpose to urge each Sunday School in our Conference to observe the fourth Sunday as Missionary Day and to have some share in the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise. To this end we shall continue to distribute regularly all available missionary literature and helps for missionary programs, and shall make an effort to explain the purpose and plan of the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise. Closely connected with our program of missions - indeed a part of it - is cooperation with other races, particularly the negro. Wherever possible, we desire to assist the negro Churches in their work of Christian education and to encourage any other activities which will help foster good will and understanding between the races.

While I have been able to make only a start during the past two and a half months, I appreciate the challenge which is offered in our extension and young people's work in this Conference, and I consider it a privilege to have some part in meeting this challenge.

Respectfully submitted,

Blanche Baringer

REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY OF THE N.C.CONF.
LOUISBURG, N. C. - JULY 6-10, 1931

The first Young People's Assembly of the North Carolina Conference was held at Louisburg College July 6-10, 1931, with a total enrollment of 272, including officers and faculty. In addition to delegates from Epworth Leagues there were representatives from Sunday schools and young people's missionary societies.

Following the general plan of the former Epworth League Summer Assemblies, each delegate was required to take three courses; one each in Bible, Missions, and Methods. The courses offered, together with the names of the instructors, were as follows:

BIBLE STUDY - 8:30 - 9:15

Life of Paul - "The Life of Paul, Stalker

Rev. B. B. Slaughter
Rev. A. J. Hobbs,Jr.
Rev. L. C. Larkin
Rev. E. L. Hillman

The Bible - The Book of Acts used as a text

Rev. E. B. Fisher
Rev. J. H. Miller
Rev. H. B. Baum

The Bible - The Book of Psalms used as a text

Rev. E. O. Harbin
Rev. R. G. L. Edwards
Rev. R. F. Munns
Rev. R. M. Price

For Hi-Leaggers

Jesus and His Relations with Other People. Text:New Testament

Rev. B. F. Boone
Rev. J. H. Lanning

MISSION STUDY - 9:20-10:05

"The Turn Towards Peace", Boeckel

Rev. R. F. Munns
Rev. B. B. Slaughter
Rev. R. M. Price

"The Teachings of Jesus on Human Relations", Hoyland

Rev. R. G. L. Edwards
Rev. H. B. Baum
Rev. P. H. Fields

"What It Means to be a Christian", Irwin (Pamphlet)

Rev. L. C. Larkin

"Jesus and the Problems of Life", Weston

Rev. A. J. Hobbs, Jr.

"How Can We Tell Who Is Great?", Gunkle
(For Hi-Leaguers)

Mrs. E. L. Hillman
Mrs. H. B. Baum

METHODS - 10:15-11:00

"Youth at Worship", Gates

Mr. L. L. Gobbel
Rev. E. B. Fisher

"Youth and Recreation", Powell

Rev. J. G. Phillips

Missions

Rev. P. H. Fields
Rev. J. H. Miller

Organization

Rev. E. O. Harbin

For Hi-Leaguers

Learning to Worship

Mrs. B. F. Boone
Mrs. L. C. Larkin

Two hundred and fifty-one boys and girls received Christian Culture certificates, indicating two units of credit for work completed during the Assembly, making a total of 502 units of credit issued.

Christian Culture Diplomas were awarded to the following who have completed six units of credit:

Birdie Louise Abernathy	Oxford
Mildred Allen	Raleigh
Daisy Batts	Cary
Edna Bennett	Morehead City
Emily Binning	Morehead City
Harry Boyd	Durham
Murphy Boyd	Durham
Virginia Bradshaw	Burlington
Blanche Broadhurst	Mt. Olive
Genevieve Corbett	Wilmington
Nancy Ellerbe	Rockingham
Mary Virginia Gillam	Windsor
Sam J. Hawkins	Beaufort
Annie Hogwood	Raleigh
Annie Mae Kornegay	Mt. Olive
Dorothy Lambeth	Moncure
Ernestine Morris	Washington
James Person	Louisburg
Alene Porter	Wilmington
Thelma Lee Saunders	Raleigh
Susan Singleton	Selma
Dorothy Smith	Pikeville
Helen Waggstaff	Roxboro
M. O. Stephenson	Rocky Mount
Charles Snipes	Sanford
Margaret Rouse	Louisburg

Eighteen leagues received Standard of Efficiency certificates, as follows:

100%

Central Senior, Raleigh
West Durham Senior
Calvary Senior, Durham
Calvary Hi-League, Durham
Wesley Hi-League, Carr Church, Durham

90%

Bethel Senior
Jenkins Memorial Senior, Raleigh
Cary Senior
Moncure Senior

80%

Long Memorial Senior, Roxboro
Mt. Zion Senior, Pittsboro
Central Hi-League, Raleigh
Edenton Street Senior, Raleigh

70%

Oak Grove Senior, Pair's Store
Webb Avenue Senior, Burlington

Carr Senior, Durham
Brooksdale Senior, Roxboro
Duke Memorial Senior, Durham

It was a pleasure for us to have with us again this year Mr. E. O. Harbin of Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Harbin not only assisted Mr. J. G. Phillips, our director of recreation, in providing one of the best recreational programs we have ever had, but he also proved of inestimable value in interpreting the new plans for the organization of young people's work. Following the adoption of the constitution and by-laws which were presented by Rev. E. L. Pillman, the following officers were elected for the North Carolina Conference Young People's Organization for 1931-1932.

President	Mr. Charles T.Thrift,Jr., Durham
Vice-President	Miss Reba Cousins, Durham
Secretary	Miss Mary Cooper Hooker, Kinston
Treasurer	Mr. C. Gorman Cobb, Goldsboro
Assistant Treasurer	Mr. John Evans, Raleigh
Publicity Superintendent	Miss Mildred Allen, Raleigh
Assts. to Publicity Supt:	Mrs. J. G. Phillips, Pikeville
	Miss Elizabeth Montgomery,Wilming-
	Miss Ola Morris, Washington (ton
	Miss Frances Jones, Fayetteville
	Miss Emily Moore, Mt. Olive

The following district secretaries were named:

Durham	Miss Virginia Bradshaw, Burlington
Elizabeth City	Rev. H. B. Baum, Poplar Branch
Fayetteville	Mr. Horace Sisk, Fayetteville
New Bern	Rev. J. G. Phillips, Pikeville
Raleigh	Rev. P. H. Fields, Raleigh
Rockingham	Rev. E. B. Fisher, Gibson
Washington	Mr. D. L. Fouts, Wilson
Weldon	Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, Henderson
Wilmington	Mr. E. P. Crow, Wilmington

Rev. L. C. Larkin, of Wilmington, was elected Dean of the Assembly with Rev. R. E. Brown of Durham as Assistant Dean.

The treasurer, Mr. C. G. Cobb gave the following report:

Balance on hand July 31, 1930	$ 898.27	
Received for Missions	1323.56	
Received Anniversary Day	25.34	
Received Board of Christian Education	209.16	
Received Registration Fees, 1931	247.00	
Received Profit Notebooks and Pencils	6.83	$ 2710.16

Disbursements

Mission Special	$1665.13	
Anniversary Day	12.10	
General Expenses	288.86	
Balance on Hand, July 8, 1931	744.07	$ 2710.16

One of the most interesting features of the Assembly was the offering which was given for the Bardens, our representatives in Africa. Following a unique presentation by Rev. R. E. Brown, of Durham, the Assembly contributed $34.90 toward the purchase price of two bicycles for Mr. and Mrs. Barden to use in their work in the Congo. We were particularly glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Barden with us at this session of our Assembly.

Following a presentation of the Young People's Mission Special to the entire group, each district held a separate meeting and made its pledge to this Special. The following district pledges were made, thus making a total of $1965, pledged by our Conference Young People's Organization:

Durham	$480
Raleigh	350
Washington	150
Wilmington	280
Elizabeth City	200
Rockingham	50
New Bern	140
Fayetteville	110
Weldon	205
Total	$1965

Rev. R. M. Price, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

"Before we reluctantly bid the 1931 Young People's Assembly goodbye, there are certain things we desire to say, but words so inadequately describe the many delightful moments we have spent here this week. Many things have contributed to the pleasure we have had.

"Not the least by many means have been the members of the faculty. For their consecration and their sympathetic interest in us we are indeed grateful. Most heartily do we thank them for giving so generously of their time and thought for our benefit.

"To Louisburg College also we desire to express our gratitude for the courtesies shown us. The president, Miss Ramsey, and all others connected with the college - including the cooks and the waiters - have spared no effort to provide to the extent of their ability for our comfort. We wish for the college many years of renewed and increased service to the youth of our Conference and state.

"To our beloved President, Rev. T. M. Grant, we extend our sympathy and wish for him a speedy and complete recovery. Though he has not been with us all the time this week, we have felt his presence and his influence at all times.

"In his absence, our efficient Vice-President, Rev. L. C. Larkin, has carried on most satisfactorily and inspiringly. No small credit for the success of this Assembly is due to him. Ably assisting him has been our lovable dean, Rev. E. L. Hillman, to whom we desire to express our thanks for all that he has done.

"We cannot convey to the Central Office our delight that again they sent to us Mr. Harbin. His presence has done much to put life into the Assembly and our best wishes go with him in all his work.

"If there are any whom we have failed to mention, it is not because we do not appreciate their interest in us nor their efforts on our behalf, but because space forbids our mention of each by name. But in our hearts we remember each and everyone most gratefully and shall always cherish all that they have done for us during this Assembly."

Signed - Mildred Allen
Samuel J. Hawkins
Robert M. Price

Telegrams and messages of greeing were read by the secretary from the following: Mr. Robert L. Jerome, the Southwest Missouri Conference, and the Western North Carolina Conference Assembly. The secretary was instructed to send appropriate messages of greeting to the following: Mr. Philip Schwartz, Mr. Robert L. Jerome, the Southwest Missouri Conference, and the Western North Carolina Conference Assembly.

RECREATION

Recreation at Louisburg this year was not interrupted by rain, nor handicapped by hot weather. The rain clouds rolled away and the big front steps became dry enough for seating purposes just in time for Stunt Night to be held out of doors. Everyone was glad, also that the Get Acquainted Party on Monday night could be held on our Assembly "grandstand", the spacious front steps. And that opening party was truly something different! Mr. E. O. Harbin was with us again this year, to our delight, and he directed that Monday evening's fun from the top of a table in front of a happy crowd of about three hundred young people. The party was called an "Indian Council", and all the folks enjoyed going by the rules of the Council and saying "How-how" or "Wa-wa" according to whether or not they liked the bit of entertainment that had just been presented.

On Stunt Night, Thursday, there was an unusually high average of original and entertaining stunts. There wasn't a "flop" among the entire ten. The New Bern district won first place; Elizabeth City, second; and Durham, third. The winning stunt dramatized the

experiences of a group of young people starting out in their automobile to try to make a successful trip according to the new combination of Epworth League and young people's work in the Sunday School.

Athletic equipment was kept busy on the campus from three till five, giving a good chance for added sun-tan. The feature of dining room recreation was John Jacob Gugenheimer Smith. He is the one and only person whom we hope will not attend next year. That doesn't sound very generous, but just ask anyone who was present this year.

SPEAKERS

It was our privilege this year to have as our speakers three members of our Conference Board of Christian Education. Mr. L. L. Gobbel, Conference Executive Secretary, was with us throughout the Assembly, teaching a class in Worship and assisting us in every phase of our work, particularly in the matter of setting up our Conference Young People's Organization. There was a splendid response on the part of all the young people at the Assembly to the new program and organization of young people's work and, apparently, a unanimous desire to make the new program most effective in the North Carolina Conference.

On Tuesday Professor H. E. Spence, Vice-President of the Conference Board of Christian Education, spoke to the Assembly, using as his subject in the morning, "Building the Temple of Success", and in the evening, "Jesus and the Youth of Today".

The President of the Conference Board of Christian Education, Dr. W. A. Stanbury, was our speaker on Wednesday. Dr. Stanbury used as his morning subject, "On Being a Christian in 1931", and at the evening hour he spoke on "Jesus the Master Key".

CLOSING SERVICE

It was very fitting that just preceding the Consecration Service recognition should be given to several of our officers. Mrs. B. F. Boone presented on behalf of the Elizabeth City District a certificate of life membership in the Woman's Missionary Society to Mrs. H. B. Baum, who has served most efficiently and faithfully not only in Epworth League work, but also as District Superintendent of Young People's Missionary Society. Rev. E. L. Hillman presented a very beautiful picture to Ann Wagstaff Larkin, who was unanimously chosen last year as the mascot of our Assembly. Following words of appreciation of the services of our retiring dean, Rev. E. L. Hillman, and our retiring secretary, Miss Blanche Barringer, Rev. L. C. Larkin gave a very beautiful tribute to Rev. T. M. Grant, who for eight years has

served as President of our Assembly, and presented to him as a love gift of the entire Assembly a leather traveling bag, suggesting that it be used each year when the Assembly meets.

As a fitting climax to the Assembly, as well as to his years of devoted service as President of our Assembly, Rev. T. M. Grant conducted the closing consecration service. At the close of his brief but very impressive message, the entire Assembly gathered about the altar and filled the aisles as they came forward to pledge anew their loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ and the work of His Kingdom. Miss Frances Jones of Fayetteville and Miss Rowena Taylor of Oxford expressed their desire to volunteer for life service. Truly as that group of nearly three hundred young people joined together in singing their closing hymn of consdcration, one felt that the North Carolina Conference Young People's Organization was ready and willing to attempt great things for God in the year 1931-1932.

Blanche Barringer

Blanche Barringer, Secretary.

EXHIBIT "A"

SUMMARY OF TRAINING WORK

1930-1931

	Number	Enrolled	Credits	Schools Represented
Standard Tr. Schools	3	192	142	23
Cokesbury Tr. Schools	74	1459	956	141
Local Classes (Standard)	4		30	
Local Classes (Cokesbury)	4		19	
Junaluska			34	
Pastors' School			110	
Correspondence (Standard)			15	
Correspondence (Cokesbury)			6	
Colleges:				
Duke University	721			
Louisburg College	12			
Miscellaneous	40		773	
Total - Cokesbury 981; Standard 1104		=	2085	
Christian Culture Credits			502	
Grand Total				2587

EXHIBIT "B"

STANDARD TRAINING SCHOOL RECORD

1930-1931

School	Enrollment*	Credits	Participating Schools
Durham	73	55	13
Raleigh	87	56	6
Washington	32	19	4
	192	130	23

* Only persons attending at least six of the twelve class periods are counted enrolled.

EXHIBIT "C"

COKESBURY TRAINING SCHOOL RECORD

1930-1931

Durham District

School	Enrollment	Credits	Participating Schools
Bahama (Mt.Bethel)	28	21	3
Carrboro	14	8	1
Durham Ct.(Fletchers)	14	9	1
Durham Ct.(McMannens)	20	14	2
E.Roxboro-Longhurst	20 17	14 17	2
Lakewood, Durham	14	8	1
Milton Ct.(Connally)	17	9	2
Milton Ct.(Purley)	22	13	2
Rougemont	17	11	1
Yanceyville (Prospect)	24	15	3
10 Schools	187	125	18

Elizabeth City District

Currituck-Kitty Hawk Ct. (Ebenezer)	11	11	2
Hatteras (Buxton)	14	10	1
Kennekeet Ct.(Clarks Bethel-Fair Haven)	17	9	2
3 Schools	42	30	5

Fayetteville District

Bladen (Bethlehem)	12	7	3
Fayetteville Ct.(Salem)	24	17	1
Goldston Ct. (Asbury)	15	11	2
Jonesboro	24	7	1
Lillington	20	11	2
Parkton	23	17	4
Roseboro (Halls Church)	30	26	3
Siler City	13	6	2
Siler City (Mt. Vernon)	14	10	1
9 Schools	175	112	19

New Bern District

Dover	7	4	2
Elm-St.-Pikeville(P'ville)	15	12	2
Grifton	10	6	2
Ocracoke	6	3	2
Oriental	6	3	1
Pink Hill	23	21	2
Riverside-Bridgeton(R'side)	16	12	2
Seven Springs	21	10	3
Straits-Harlowe (Straits)	8	7	1
9 Schools	112	78	17

Raleigh District

Cary	19	11	2
Four Oaks	21	13	3
Kenly (Buckhorn)	16	10	2
Kenly (Lucama)	30	7	4
Princeton	20	17	1
5 Schools	106	58	12

Rockingham District

Biscoe (Candor)	22	16	3
Fairmont	24	15	1
Rowland	28	17	3
Troy	22	19	1
Wadeville	14	11	1
Wadeville (Hebron)	17	16	1
6 Schools	127	94	10

Washington District

Bath Ct.(Bethany)	34	19	1
Fairfield	17	12	1
Fremont	25	17	1
Grimesland	41	33	3
Mattamuskeet (Englehard)	15	12	2
Robersonville (Stokes)	15	12	2
Rocky Mt.(Clark Street)	23	7	1
S.Rocky Mt. (Red Oak)	21	15	2
Stantonsburg	22	17	2
Stumpy Point	16	12	1
Swan Quarter	21	17	2
Vanceboro(Lane's Chapel)	40	35	3
12 Schools	290	208	21

Weldon District

Battleboro-Whitakers Ct.	20	14	2
N.S.Henderson (White Mem)	30	13	5
Warren (Providence)	31	23	1
3 Schools	81	50	8

Wilmington District

Clinton (Keener)	38	23	1
Council (Frenche'sCreek)	24	9	1
Hallsboro	21	14	2
Hallsboro (Shiloh)	12	8	2
Hallsboro (Wananish)	32	14	3
Garland (Ingold)	17	12	1
Magnolia (Centenary)	31	18	1
Maysville	26	15	5
Maysville (Pollocksville)	13	7	2
Scotts Hill	9	6	1
Southport	13	9	1
Town Creek (Zion &Bethel)	8	6	3
Wallace-Rose Hill(Charity)	19	12	1
" " (Providence)	17	1	1
" " (Rose Hill)	14	11	1
" " (Wallace)	12	7	1
Wilmington(Ep-Wesley)	33	29	4
17 Schools	339	201	31

EXHIBIT "D"

ENROLLMENT GROWTH

1919	70,960
1920	77,541
1921	83,715
1922	89,169
1923	90,220
1924	92,893
1925	96,763
1926	96,887
1927	97,699
1928	95,469
1929	93,097
1930	93,293
1931	

EXHIBIT "E"

ENROLLMENT RECORD BY DISTRICTS

	Durham		Elizabeth City
1919	9,839	1919	8,200
1920	10,921	1920	8,500
1921	11,014	1921	8,816
1922	12,075	1922	9,435
1923	11,458	1923	8,495
1924	11,716	1924	9,103
1925	12,413	1925	9,703
1926	12,801	1926	9,722
1927	13,222	1927	9,128
1928	12,719	1928	9,225
1929	12,334	1929	8,744
1930	13,448	1930	8,560
1931		1931	

	Fayetteville		New Bern
1919	9,184	1919	9,001
1920	9,002	1920	8,956
1921	8,365	1921	10,680
1922	10,234	1922	11,059
1923	11,346	1923	10,614
1924	11,454	1924	10,568
1925	11,798	1925	11,275
1926	12,303	1926	11,364
1927	12,322	1927	11,888
1928	12,275	1928	10,872
1929	11,762	1929	11,031
1930	11,816	1930	11,272
1931		1931	

	Raleigh		Rockingham
1919	8,531	1919	7,813
1920	8,864	1920	8,317
1921	9,788	1921	9,414
1922	9,970	1922	9,525
1923	10,374	1923	10,026
1924	11,970	1924	9,958
1925	12,354	1925	10,178
1926	13,396	1926	9,225
1927	12,759	1927	9,737
1928	12,272	1928	9,337
1929	12,163	1929	9,199
1930	12,077	1930	8,987
1931		1931	

Washington	
1919	7,307
1920	7,569
1921	7,693
1922	10,241
1923	10,395
1924	10,506
1925	10,228
1926	9,805
1927	10,078
1928	9,983
1929	10,235
1930	10,348
1931	

Weldon	
1919	7,813
1920	7,881
1921	9,746
1922	8,443
1923	8,755
1924	8,949
1925	9,542
1926	9,248
1927	9,289
1928	9,324
1929	9,178
1930	8,381
1931	

Wilmington	
1919	7,262
1920	7,439
1921	8,199
1922	8,187
1923	8,757
1924	8,667
1925	9,272
1926	9,023
1927	9,253
1928	8,715
1929	8,451
1930	8,406
1931	

EXHIBIT "F"

PREACHERS TRAINING RECORD

1930-1931

	Std.	Cok.
Durham District		
Barbee, C.W.	1	1
Brown, R.E.	1	
Harris, L.V.	1	
Hinson, C.I.	4	
Huckabee, W.C.	3	1
Lambeth, W.A.	1	
Lance, H.E.		1
Nicks, S.F.	1	
Pool, B.L.		1
Shankle, Byron		1
Stanfield, B.E.		1
Starnes, S.J.	1	
Thrift, C.T.	3	
13 -	16	6
Elizabeth City District		
Baum, H.B.	1	1
Edwards, R.G.L.	1	
Hurley, J.Bascom	1	
Rogers, C.T.	1	
Russell, Leon	1	1
Walters, W.F.	1	
6	6	2
Fayetteville District		
Ashmore, H.R.	1	
Blalock, J.E.		1
Cade, W.A.	1	
Cook, Paul	1	
Hurley, B.T.		1
Johnson, C.A.		1
McLamb, McD.	1	
Poole, I.T.	1	1
Thompson, J.B.	2	
Tilley, L.A.	1	
10	8	4
New Bern District		
Atkinson, R.E.		1
Bradley, Rufus	1	
Few, E.C.	1	
Fitts, R.N.		1
Freeman, W.J.		1

	Std.	Cok.
New Bern Dist. (Continued)		
	2	3
Harmon, J.C.	1	
Harris, LeRoy		1
Phillips, J.G.		1
Price, B.M.		1
Richmond, L/S.		1
Sawyer, L.E.		1
11	3	8
Raleigh District		
Durham, E.C.	1	
Fields, P.H.	1	
Herbert, J.F.	1	
Joyner, F.B.		1
Love, F.S.	1	
Loy, W.L.	1	
Turner, C.A.	1	1
Yearby, N.C.		1
8	6	3
Rockingham District		
Bradley, J.W.		1
Crawford, E.C.		1
Miller, J.H.		1
Parker, A.S.		1
Petty, D.A.		1
5	0	5
Washington District		
Brandenburg, F.B.		1
Brown, A.E.		1
Farrar, W.G.	1	
Fouts, D.L.	3	
Glass, H.I.	1	
Humblo, W.B.	1	1
Lance, C.M.		1
Sneeden, J.W.		1
Vaughan, W.N.	2	1
9	8	6

Weldon District

	Std.	Cok.
Chester, H.A.		1
Sharpe, D.M.	1	
Williams, Ben T.		1
3	1	2

Wilmington District

Broom, R.H.		1
Davis, H.L.		1
Edens, N.P.	1	1
Lane, Daniel	1	1
Lawrence, M/W.		1
Measamer, E.H.		1
Womack, C.P.		1
Yarborough, W.D.		1
8	2	8

During Year 73 preachers have earned 94 certificates of credit.

EXHIBIT "G"

CONFERENCE BOARD

1. Membership:

W. L. Clegg
S. A. Cotten (deceased)
J. L. Cunninggim
C. B. Culbreth
R. G. L. Edwards
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Mrs. M. Y. Self
Mrs. M. L. Sheep
W. W. Stedman
T. G. Stem
R. L. Towe
Mrs. J. C. Wooten
R. H. Wright

2. Executive Committee

W. A. Stanbury
H. E. Spence
C. K. Proctor
H. I. Glass
Mrs. M. L. Sheep
Mrs. J. H. Highsmith
R. L. Flowers

3. Officers

W. A. Stanbury - President
H. E. Spence - Vice President
C. K. Proctor - Treasurer
M. J. Cowell - Secretary

4. Staff

L. L. Hobbel - Executive Secretary
Miss Blanche Barringer - Extension Secretary and Director of Y.P.'s Work
Miss Ruth Rogers - Office Secretary

DUKE FOUNDATION COKESBURY INSTRUCTORS

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REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

To the Board of Christian Education, North Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in annual session in the First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, N. C., November 24, 1932.

Dear Brethren:

I am happy to report noteworthy progress along many lines of our program during the year just closing. Measured by our ideal, our record is far from the goal. Seen in the light of the conditions in which we have worked, and considered as an educational enterprise of major proportions which, like all education, is a gradual and often a slow process, it indicates that the North Carolina Conference is moving in the direction of a unified program of Christian education in keeping with the legislation enacted by the General Conference of 1930.

Our Staff

Miss Ruth Rogers, our office secretary for over six years, resigned in June. Since that time Mrs. Brian and I have absorbed the responsibilities and taken over the work of the office, along with our other work, thus effecting, from this item alone, a saving of $500. to the Conference this year; and unless a source of income not now apparent is discovered which might enable us to secure additional help, it is our recommendation that we continue our present arrangement through the coming year.

Our present staff, therefore, consists of just two persons, Mrs. Brian as Extension Secretary and Director of Young People's Work, and the Executive Secretary. We have had invaluable assistance, however, from the Duke Foundation, which gave us the services of ten young men in the School of Religion, each of whom served ten weeks under our supervision, mostly in Cokesbury training schools. We have the assurance of similar assistance in 1933.

Although between the two members of our staff there is a clear understanding concerning their major tasks, there has not been, and cannot be, any sharp division of responsibility. For example, much of Mrs. Brian's work with young people is extension work in the truest sense. And the interest and responsibility of the Executive Secretary being inclusive of all the program of the Board, he gives no little attention to young people's work and a very large share of his time to extension work, particularly to the

direction of our Cokesbury training program and, this year, also to a conference-wide effort to reorganize abandoned Sunday schools, something of the results of this effort being shown in a subsequent paragraph of this report.

In this connection, may I call attention to the very hearty and generous support to our entire program given by Mrs. Brian? In a fine and effective way she is holding constantly in mind and before the young people of our conference the fact that young people's work as now set up, although allowing abundant autonomy and opportunity for young people's initiative, is a vital and integral part of the total program of Christian education, all of whose parts must move along together.

Perhaps our chief need as a staff just now is a Director of Children's Work. Although Mrs. Brian and I are giving all the attention to children's work we can, there is a real need for a full-time children's specialist. This need our Board should keep in mind and meet as soon as practicable. In the meantime, we propose that children's work be carried on after the fashion recommended in the section of this report dealing specifically with the Children's Division.

I.

COLLEGE WORK

Our work in the interest of higher education has included emphasis in our institutes, training classes, and other contacts upon our church institutions and their great service to the cause of Christian education, an effort to secure the observance of a quarterly educational program and the annual observance of College Day, and the holding, in cooperation with the Western North Carolina Conference Board and the General Board, of a state-wide Methodist Students' Conference.

We regret that the observance of the quarterly and annual college programs has not been more widespread.

The Student Conference, held in Durham, at Duke Memorial Church and Duke University, October 29-30, was the first state-wide gathering of Methodist students ever held in North Carolina. In this first conference the attendance goal was set at 100, and quotas assigned the various institutions accordingly. The actual attendance was well over a hundred students, representing Duke, Greensboro College, Carolina, Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, State, East Carolina Teachers' College, Davenport, Appalachian Training School at Boone, and Western Carolina Teachers' College. Dr. J. M. Culbreth represented

the General Board of Christian Education at this conference. Other speakers included Dean Elbert Russell and Dr. H. Shelton Smith of the Duke School of Religion, Dr. W. A. Stanbury, Assistant Dean H. J. Herring, Reverend John F. Kirk of the Western North Carolina Conference, and others.

Our colleges will submit their reports as usual. An item which they may not show relates to the Standard training courses taken by students in these institutions. It is our conviction that courses in Bible and religious education for undergraduates lay the foundation for effective service in local churches. Standard credits issued to college students this year represent almost exclusively Bible courses. It might be well for this Board to suggest to our institutions the desirability of offering additional religious education courses for undergraduates.

II.

THE LOCAL CHURCH

For a detailed report of our work touching the local church reference is made to the exhibits attached hereto and, especially touching young people's work, to the report of Mrs. Brian, which is also attached hereto and which she will read presently. Attention in this report will be given to certain facts not otherwise set forth and to a brief interpretation of the more significant items in the year's record.

Boards of Christian Education

It is impossible to record the number or percentage of churches in which boards of Christian education have been set up. Our only survey of this situation was made through the presiding elders, most of whom used the second quarterly conference occasion for special emphasis upon our conference's program of Christian education. The surveys which reached our office were significant not so much for the number of churches which had completed the set-up of the local boards and the unified program in local churches, as for the expressions of beginnings made in this direction.

This work on the part of the presiding elders has been most stimulating and helpful, and I would record here sincere appreciation of the leadership and cooperation which they have given.

All our training schools, both Standard and Cokesbury, this year have offered courses interpreting the set-up and functions of the local church board, thus reaching over 250

congregations. Institutes, held in every district in the conference, moreover, have been given over largely to an interpretation and discussion of the local board and the three age-group divisions.

Children's Division

Although it is to be regretted that, in the absence of a Director of Children's Work, much work which ought to have been done in the interest of the children of our conference could not be done, more has been done than on the surface may appear. For example, the set-up of the children's division in local churches has come in for its full share of attention in institutes and training schools, and particular problems of local groups or teachers of children's classes have received attention through correspondence and otherwise. Miss Mary Skinner, Director of Children's Work of the General Board, and her staff have given valuable assistance.

Attention is called to the large number of churches conducting vacation sessions. We have received reports from 26 such churches, where a total of 243 workers served 2,025 children and youth. (In about three-fourths of the schools intermediates were included in the vacation plans.)

Childhood and Youth Week was observed in our Conference, a number of local churches arranging special means of arousing interest in the problem of the proper rearing of children and youth, including visitation of homes on the part of teachers, the conducting of parents' classes for child study, and so on. Many local groups and individuals tuned in on the radio broadcasts during the week (October 16-23). Through the assistance of Reverend E. C. Few and the courtesy of Station WPTF, Raleigh, we arranged a series of broadcasts, with Mr. Few opening the series from Edenton Street Church Sunday morning, October 16, with a sermon on "Discovering the Child". Monday afternoon Dr. N. C. Newbold spoke on "The Child and the Public School", Wednesday afternoon Professor H. E. Spence on "The Child and the Church", and Friday afternoon Dean Elbert Russell on "The Child and the Home".

For your approval the following plans and policies for promoting children's work in our conference in 1933 are offered:

1. An active volunteer district director of children's work for every district. (To be a member of the presiding elder's district staff, in keeping with the plan of district program and organization hereinafter proposed.)

2. A comference-wide meeting of district directors of children's work at some time and place early in the year when Miss Skinner can be present. (She has already indicated a willingness to assist us in this way.)

3. Information and news items of particular interest to children's workers included in the Advocate and other forms of publicity used by our office.

4. Sectional meetings for children's workers planned as a definite part of district and sub-district institutes.

5. A sufficient number of group meetings for children's workers within each district to make it possible for the workers from every church to be identified with one group.

6. Some phase of children's work included in every general presentation of Christian education by the Executive Secretary at district conferences, visits to local churches, workers' councils, institutes, and the like.

7. Special guidance given by the Executive Secretary and district directors in the set-up of vacation schools and in the constructive observance of Childhood and Youth Week.

8. Quarterly reports from the district directors of children's work, including a record of what has been done during the quarter, what plans are under way for the new quarter, and what help or material is needed from our office.

9. Courses for children's workers included in every training school, where practicable.

10. A children's worker on every Local Church Board of Christian Education.

11. Provision in our budget for funds to be used in paying the expenses of district directors, where necessary, to conference-wide meetings and a small amount (perhaps $10. each) for them to use for postage and incidentals in carrying on work in their respective districts.

12. District directors placed on mailing list to receive communications from conference office, copies of new leaflets bearing on children's work, and other guidance from our office.

It is to be borne in mind that these recommendations do not involve expensive or radical departure from what we have been doing. They have new features and a definiteness which, we believe, will bring results in an area which we cannot afford to neglect.

Young People's Division

So well cared for are our provisions for young people's work and so well reported are the results of this year's work (See previous references to young people's work and Mrs. Brian's report.) that it is unnecessary to say more here.

Adult Division

Like children's work, adult work has not been promoted as a separate or unrelated item in our program; it has received attention in institutes, training schools, correspondence, and so on. We have sought to arouse the adults of the conference (or such of them as came in contact with our institutes, schools, and so forth) to an appreciation of what is possible for them and the church if and when all adult groups in a given church are banded together in a unified attack upon the problems of the church. A number of adult divisions have been set up, some of them with definite provisions for the young adults. According to incomplete records in our office, over thirty such divisions are now functioning. It is our purpose, as a part of the plan for district organization, to assist presiding elders in securing, in every district, a volunteer director of adult work, whose business it will be to do for adult workers, insofar as practicable, approximately what directors of children's work do for children's workers. This will involve, of course, more than the choosing of directors; it will require perhaps a meeting of the seven adult directors at a time and place when the Executive Secretary and perhaps Reverend M. Leo Rippy, Director of Adult Work of our General Board, can be present.

Extension Work

One of the most heartening trends this year has been in the direction of entering new territory or re-entering abandoned territory with an educational program. Presiding elders and pastors have responded and cooperated in our attempt (initiated early in the year following a meeting of our Conference Committee on Sunday School Extension and the Rural Church- Reverend F. S. Love, Professor J. M. Ormond, and Reverend E. C. Crawford of the Board of Missions, and W. L. Knight, Reverend R. G. L. Edwards, and the Executive

Secretary representing our Board) to make a careful study of the 63 situations (congregations without Sunday Schools) where no Christian education work has been done.

Our survey revealed that several of the churches reporting no Sunday schools actually maintained schools for a part of the year, closing for the winter months; and being closed at annual conference time, they were not reported as having operated that year. This sort of bookkeeping explains not only some of the apparent discrepancy between the number of congregations and the number of Sunday schools, but also a large portion of the apparent decrease in Sunday school enrolment.

The survey revealed, furthermore, that some of the so-called congregations are hardly more than preaching places, maintained often for the eight or ten old people remaining in the community, the young people having moved away. In other cases, the few children in the community attend either union schools or schools of other denominations. In still other cases, there is such a poverty of leadership that it seems impossible to maintain a Sunday school.

More promising and constructive outcomes of our efforts, however, have been achieved. Our records show thirteen Sunday schools have been organized or revived this year. In one or more instances brand-new situations have been entered. In most instances, however, it has been a matter of reviving schools which had been abandoned, some of them for as long as thirteen years. To these we have furnished, through the courtesy of our Publishing House, a quarter's supply of literature. In a few cases literature has been sent to old schools too weak or too far in debt with the Publishing House to buy their own literature. We expect to follow through with further efforts to restore to life and usefulness other schools which have been discontinued. An exhibit attached hereto shows new schools, abandoned schools revived, and schools supplied with literature this year.

Surveys have been conducted here and there over the conference, our office supplying survey cards. It is our conviction that districtwide surveys should be made for the purpose of discovering neglected areas, families, and individuals, the information thus obtained to be used as a basis for planning intelligent and constructive attempts to reach the unreached.

Already one district, the Raleigh, under the direction of Reverend F. S. Love, the presiding elder, is making plans for such a survey. A map of the district is being prepared, and the whole district will be enlisted in a simultaneous, comprehensive survey. It is proposed that one of our recommendations to each district be a similar survey.

Reaching the Unreached

In the Kingdom Extension institutes conducted in all the districts, in training schools, sub-district meetings, and other meetings, through publicity, correspondence, and otherwise, we have this year stressed one of the major objectives of our program for this year, reaching the unreached. It is too early to predict what the reports will show in the 1932 conference journal. It is our candid judgment, however, that there are more persons attending our Sunday Schools today than a year ago, or ten years ago.

An analysis of the figures in the 1931 minutes of our conference reveals the fact that our apparent reported decrease of 1935 persons in 1931 is mainly in the two "extension" departments, "Cradle Roll" and "Home Department", there being reported a decrease of 1501 persons here, leaving only 434 to be otherwise accounted for, and bad record systems could easily account for these. It is believed that the new plan for "home members" is not generally understood or followed and that many schools have discontinued the old plan without taking up the new.

We refer to this situation not to relieve us from our sense of obligation to the unreached; we need to be diligent in season and out of season, for truly the fields are white already to harvest. We need to realize, however, that our schools are not losing their grip on the people, and that there is still plenty of power and appeal in the story of Jesus and his love.

Missionary Education

Progress has been made this year in the matter of missionary education. More and more our people are sensing the significance of missionary education as an integral part of Christian education and are promoting it more vigorously, intelligently, and successfully. One evidence of this fact is that, notwithstanding terrific competition everywhere for funds this year perhaps more than ever, there has been an increase of almost exactly 50% in the amount of missionary offerings sent in to the Treasurer of the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise. The amount to this cause this year, exclusive of the Young People's Special, is $3,386.15 as compared to $2,163.25 for the previous 14 months. The amount this year from Sunday schools and young people's groups sent in to Mr. W. E. Hogan, treasurer at Nashville, according to his reports, is $5,210.01.

In this connection, nevertheless, I consider it my duty to call to your attention again the poor comparative showing our conference is making, ranking now about fifteenth

from the bottom among the conferences of Southern Methodism. Although we have advanced to this position from seventh position from the bottom where we stood a year ago, we deserve to be in better company; and all our local church schools need, as a factor in their religious growth and development and a means of broadening their sympathies beyond the bounds of our own conference, to participate in this church-wide and world-wide Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise. I am constrained again to point out that many schools are diverting their fourth Sunday offerings to the Orphanage, some of them applying this money on their church's ten per-cent Orphanage assessment. I would suggest that a committee of three be appointed to study this situation and report back to this Board a year hence, or to the Executive Committee, in case it is ready to report before the next annual meeting of the Board.

Sunday School Day

We are pleased to report an increase of over 100% in the number of schools observing Sunday School Day in 1932 over 1931, with approximately 50% increase in the total offering sent in to our treasurer. Although the amount of money received is small, it helps greatly in a year like this, especially; and it is significant in that it indicates a growing popular interest and support of our program. Programs, prepared this year by our office, were used in the majority of schools observing Sunday School Day, although the programs prepared by the General Board were supplied where preferred.

North Carolina Christian Advocate

We have used the North Carolina Christian Advocate, (one full page each week, two pages for about half of the year) setting forth our work and giving news from the field. In turn, we have encouraged officers, teachers, and pupils to subscribe to our official organ. From our office early in the year we mailed out to each pastor and superintendent a letter explaining the Advocate's special club offer to Sunday schools. It is regretted that a larger number of schools did not take advantage of it.

Training Work

Our training work has made pleasing progress this year. A total of 122 Standard and Cokesbury schools and classes have been conducted, serving 270 local churches and enrolling over 2600 workers. A grand total of 3,171 training awards were issued, compared with 2,587 issued last year, a gain of

584, or 22%. There has been an increase of 44% in credits from training schools, classes, correspondence, and so forth. Several exhibits have been prepared, telling in some detail the story of training in 1932.

Considerable informal training, of which no statistics can be compiled, has also been done. Institutes, conferences, correspondence, workers' meetings, and the like have been used as opportunities to get over to workers the help which they seemed most in need of. It is recommended that more emphasis be placed upon informal training in 1932. It is recommended, also, that wider use be made of training classes,- Standard, Cokesbury, and local, for the reason that they are both inexpensive and effective as well as adapted to communities which cannot support a Standard training school and which, on account of the expense involved, find it difficult to go considerable distances to centers where such schools may be held.

Within Our Income

Thanks to the cooperation which churches have given our Board and to the rigid economies practiced by our Board, we are closing our year's work without a deficit, as our treasurer's report will show. Notwithstanding the fact that we have operated this year with a reduced staff, our report shows a volume of work greater than last year and substantial progress in the promotion of our conference's program of Christian education.

Responsibilities and Dangers

As Bishop Mouzon, speaking at Lake Junaluska this summer, reminds us, our Board's responsibility is that which formerly belonged to three boards. The merger is annually saving the Church at large in the Nashville offices an amount that goes beyond $100,000. But right here Bishop Mouzon points out a danger. Says he:

"In casting about for some place to economize, annual conferences in some parts of the Church are making a beginning at the wrong place. They are beginning with the Board which more than any other is of importance to the work of the local church and the work of the church in the bounds of the Annual Conference. I do not hesitate to say that the Board of Christian Education, taking over as it does the work of the Board of Education, the Epworth League Board, and the Sunday School Board, is now more vitally related to the fundamental work of the local church than is any other great board of the Church..... It would be next to tragedy in the work of the Church if after having enacted this wise and far-reaching

legislation at the last session of the General Conference, the annual conferences, by some false economy, should now in effect nullify that legislation by failure to carry out the will of the General Conference.....

"I am asking, therefore," concludes the Bishop, "that there be no false economy in these distressful times. By all means let us save money where it can be saved without hurt to the work of the Church. But let us not make the fatal mistake of saving money by neglecting our children and young people and by failure to carry out the great program of Christian education as outlined by the General Conference of the Church in Dallas, Texas, two years ago."

District Approach

It is our conviction that an effective program of Christian education must include a fuller use of a district staff with the presiding elder as the logical and recognized leader working in cooperation with the conference staff. The plan, which harmonizes with our General Board's policy and meets the approval of Bishop Mouzon and such of the presiding elders as I have had opportunity to discuss it with, recognizes the district as a working unit in the larger working unit, the Annual Conference, and the presiding elder, who is at the head of the entire program of the Church in the district, as the head of the program of Christian education in his district and in that sense the District Director of Christian education and the chairman of the district staff. Associated with him would be three age-group directors- District Director of Children's Work, District Director of Young People's Work, and District Director of Adult Work- and associate directors where needed. The district staff and the conference staff would plan together annually the district program and cooperate in carrying it out.

Bishop Mouzon has invited the Executive Secretary to appear before his cabinet, in regular session here at this Conference, interpret the plan, and secure an understanding with the cabinet as to a policy in this Annual Conference. I ask, therefore, that this plan be approved by this Board.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. Gobbel

Executive Secretary

11-11-32

REPORT OF EXTENSION SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIVISION

To the North Carolina Conference Board of Christian Education:

As director of the Young People's Division of the Conference and as Extension Secretary of the Conference Board of Christian Education I wish to submit the following report:

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

There is cause, I believe, for real encouragement over the reception which our new young people's program has received and is still receiving in the churches of the North Carolina Conference.

At the time of our Annual Conference a year ago there were only thirteen (13) chartered young people's divisions in this conference. At the present time there are ninety-seven (97) divisions which have secured their charters and equally as many more that have completed their organization and are at work but have not yet secured charters. In addition, there are now eight (8) organized Young People's Unions in our conference, four (4) of which have secured charters.

In four of our districts: Elizabeth City, New Bern, Rocky Mount, and Wilmington, there have been held a total number of 20 sub-district meetings and institutes, the purpose of which was to discuss the new program and organization of the Young People's Division, as well as practical ways of actually getting the Young People's Division set up and at work in the local church.

In each of our seven districts district meetings were held during the latter part of May and the first of June of this year, the primary purpose of these meetings being to present and discuss the plans and programs for our assemblies held at Louisburg College July 4-8 of this year, and to present our Young People's Mission Special. In addition, there was a place provided on the programs of most of these district meetings for a discussion of problems of organization. Approximately 1300 young people and workers with young people attended these meetings.

While we would not underestimate the value of these district and sub-district meetings, perhaps the greatest practical value has resulted from the personal conferences and small group meetings which have been held in various local churches throughout the conference, in many cases these

conferences resulting in the actual setting up of young people's divisions, and resulting in all, we hope, in an increased interest in our young people's program. Approximately 110 such personal visits and conferences and small group meetings have been held during the year. In this connection, I should like to record my personal appreciation, as well as the appreciation of our Conference staff, of the cooperation and interest of our pastors. While there has been a splendid interest and enthusiasm shown by the young people themselves in our various churches, practically all of these personal conferences and visits with local church groups have been made at the invitation of the pastors working in close cooperation with the young people.

One of the most hopeful and inspiring things about our work this year is the interest which has been shown by young people in our leadership training program. A total number of 235 young people attended the classes in "Program and Organization of the Young People's Division" which were taught in 10 Standard Training Schools. There were 150 young people enrolled in these classes, 126 of this number receiving Standard credit. While no accurate record has been kept of the number of young people receiving Cokesbury credit this year, the reports seem to indicate that approximately one-fourth of the 1412 persons who received Cokesbury credit this past year were young people.

In making plans for our summer assemblies held this past July, it seemed wise to the Executive Committee of the Conference Young People's Organization to conduct two assemblies: one, a Christian Adventure Assembly, for the Intermediate group (ages 12-15); and the other, a Young People's Assembly, for those 16-23 years of age. Both of these assemblies were held at Louisburg College July 4-8, with a total attendance that exceeded all records of former assemblies. In the Young People's Assembly there were 262 young people registered, representing 105 different churches, with a faculty of 12 and with 9 registered adults, making a total of 283. In the Christian Adventure Assembly there were registered 52 Intermediates, representing 28 different churches, and a faculty of 8 adult workers, making a total of 60. Therefore, in the two assemblies there was a total attendance of 343. A total number of 508 Christian Culture credits and 104 Christian Adventure credits were awarded at the close of these assemblies, representing an increase of 110 credits over last year's report. In addition to these credits, 19 Christian Culture diplomas and 1 Christian Culture degree were awarded.

Two reports which were made at the Young People's Assembly are worthy of mention here. First, 35 young people's divisions reported their observance of Young People's Day, the total amount of their offerings being $99.26. As compared with last year's report of $25.34 raised for this purpose, this

year's report is most encouraging. Second, the treasurer's report showed a total of $1823.86 raised for the Young People's Mission Special, which represents an increase of $500.30 over the amount raised last year. It is significant that on the last day of the Assembly a total of $2162.50 was pledged to the Mission Special for the year 1932-1933. Since the Assembly pledges amounting to $196.00 have been received, making a total of $2358.50 pledged to the Young People's Mission Special by the young people of our Conference for the year 1932-1933.

Looking forward to the new year's work there are several definite objectives which I would recommend:

1. I am of the opinion that the time has come for an increased emphasis upon and more careful attention to the program and organization of the Intermediate groups of our conference. To this end I recommend that both the conference and district staffs, in cooperation with local pastors and adult leaders, devote more of their time and efforts this year to personal work with this particular age-group. Furthermore, our experience at Louisburg last July has proved the necessity of making more adequate provision for these Intermediates in our summer assembly program. I, therefore, recommend that either a Christian Adventure Assembly or a Christian Adventure Camp be held for this age-group separate and distinct from the Young People's Assembly.

2. While I am deeply appreciative of the interest which our young people have shown in leadership training this year, I would urge an increased emphasis upon this phase of our work. In addition to participation, wherever possible, in Standard and Cokesbury schools, I would recommend especially a greater emphasis upon local training classes, both Standard and Christian Culture, and upon informal training. If every young people's division in our conference would definitely set itself to the task of engaging in at least <u>one</u> project in leadership training this year, the continued and growing effectiveness of the young people's program in this conference would be assured.

3. Realizing the difficulties involved in securing full and accurate reports in a period of transition when report blanks were not available, we did not stress this matter until the beginning of the new church school year, October 1. It is our purpose now, however, to secure regularly each quarter, through our district directors of young people's work, as full and as accurate reports as possible. I, therefore, urge that the fullest possible cooperation in this matter be given our district directors by pastors, adult leaders of young people, and young people themselves, to the end that we may be better able to keep in close touch with the work that is being carried on in each district, as well as be able to promote young people's

work in any neglected areas.

4. The value of a district organization having been amply demonstrated in our young people's program during the past year, I recommend the plan of district organization suggested by the General Board of Christian Education, and further recommend that the young people's program in each district be thoroughly correlated and integrated with the total district program of Christian education.

I should like to take this method of expressing my personal appreciation of the splendid cooperation and help which Mr. L. L. Gobbel, our Executive Secretary, has given me in promoting our young people's work this year. His interest in our work and his enthusiastic support of it have been of invaluable aid. I should like also to record here my sincere appreciation of and gratitude for the cooperation and splendid work of our district secretaries and conference officers. Their support and their unselfish devotion to their tasks have enabled us to achieve many things in our young people's work this year which we could not have easily achieved without their help. With their continued interest and loyalty we hope to achieve even greater things in the new conference year.

EXTENSION WORK

In performing my duties as Extension Secretary, as well as those as Director of Young People's Work, I have been very greatly aided by our Executive Secretary, Mr. Gobbel.

As a result of his work in cooperation with the pastors of these churches, Sunday Schools in thirteen churches of the conference have been organized or revived, free literature for the period of one quarter being supplied to each of these schools. (A full report of this phase of our work is given in the Executive Secretary's report.)

Realizing the value of personal contacts and informal training, we have made during the past year approximately 88 visits in rural churches. In practically every case it has been our purpose to help interpret to the membership, and especially to the leadership, of these churches our church's program of Christian education as it relates to the rural situation. In most cases we have endeavored to give definite guidance as to how this program may be actually put into effect particularly in the young people's division. Because of the close and vital relationship between my task as director of young people's work and that as extension secretary, it has been possible for me to promote both phases of the work at the same time. Perhaps in no one area of our work has there been more evidence of definite progress than in this area of young people's work in the rural church. The following facts would

indicate that the outlook for this phase of our work is most encouraging and hopeful.

Of the 97 divisions which have been chartered during the past year, 74 are in rural churches. At our Young People's Assembly last July there were 42 different rural churches represented. A total of 15 rural young people's divisions reported there that they had observed Young People's Day, the amount of their offerings being $32.46. This amount represents nearly a third of the total raised for Young People's Day by all the young people's groups of the conference. Of the $1823.86 raised for the Young People's Mission Special, $493.15 was raised by groups in rural churches. Since the contributions from these churches necessarily were very small, as compared with those from the larger churches where the membership is much larger, this amount represents between fifty and seventy-five groups of young people.

In the matter of more formal training carried on through Cokesbury schools, classes, and correspondence, our reports for this year show an increase over the reports of last year. A total of 110 Cokesbury schools and classes have been held, and a total number of 1412 Cokesbury credits have been earned. Not only does this represent an increase of 32 schools and classes and of 431 credits, but our records indicate that 44 new places were reached and 901 new persons received credit this year. This good report of Cokesbury training is due largely to the splendid work of ten Duke students whose services for ten weeks during the summer were made possible through the Duke Foundation. Our Executive Secretary, Mr. Gobbel, gave much careful thought and time to the coaching of these young men, whose work included, in addition to teaching, vacation schools, revivals, surveys, and personal conferences. Very thorough reports of each week's work were made to our office, and as rapidly as we are able to do so, it is our purpose to attempt to meet the needs in each local situation as indicated in these reports.

Having set as one of our objectives for this year an increased emphasis upon missionary education and missionary giving, we have engaged in a rather thorough program of missionary cultivation throughout the year, by means of personal visits to local churches, personal correspondence, and distribution of literature. While we have not attained our goal in this matter, we are appreciative of the fact that, through the Fourth Sunday offerings and the Young People's Mission Special, the North Carolina Conference has raised this year a total of $5210.01, representing an increase of $1723.20 over the amount raised last year. It shall be our purpose to continue our emphasis upon this phase of our work in the new year so that we may more completely make missionary education a vital and integral part of our total program of Christian education.

In addition to the objectives for the new year's work to which reference has already been made, I wish to make two other suggestions: first, that through our proposed district organization we make early in the new year a thorough and careful survey of each district for the purpose of discovering any abandoned Sunday Schools or neglected areas where Sunday Schools should be organized and for the further purpose of meeting these discovered needs in cooperation with the district staffs; second, that a greater emphasis be placed upon the total educational program of the rural church rather than upon one part of that program- namely, that of the young people's division. I am deeply concerned and quite eager that the work of the young people's division shall not proceed independently of the work of the other two divisions, but that it shall be completely integrated with the whole educational program of the church. To that task of helping the rural church, as well as the city church, to unify its total educational program, I urge that we more whole-heartedly address ourselves in the new year.

Respectfully submitted,

Blanche Barringer Brian

Extension Secretary and
Director of the Young People's Division

November 11, 1932.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS

1931-1932

District	Schools	Workers	Enrollment
Durham	6	79	573
Elizabeth City	NONE		
Fayetteville	2	16	170
New Bern	1	8	108
Raleigh	2	26	242
Rocky Mount	2	23	196
Wilmington	13	91	736
Total-	26	243	2025

PREACHERS' TRAINING RECORD

1931-1932

District	Preachers	Standard	Cokesbury
Durham	25	17	14
Elizabeth City	7	2	6
Fayetteville	13	11	9
New Bern	14	13	5
Raleigh	9	6	5
Rocky Mount	17	15	9
Wilmington	13	12	8

Total-	98 preachers	earned 132 credits
Last Year-	73 preachers	earned 94 credits
INCREASE	25 preachers	38 credits

NEW SCHOOLS- SCHOOLS REVIVED

Literature Supplied

1931-1932

District	Charge	School	Pastor
Elizabeth City	Aulander	Ebenezer	R. F. Taylor
Elizabeth City	Columbia	Bethlehem	W. J. Underwood
Fayetteville	Jonesboro	Memphis	J. E. Blalock
Fayetteville	West End	Pleasant Hill	W. F. Elliott
New Bern	Aurora	Brantleytown	J. W. Sneeden
New Bern	Aurora	Small	J. W. Sneeden
New Bern	Aurora	Warren's Chapel	J. W. Sneeden
Raleigh	Bailey	Pleasant Grove	J. C. Williams
Raleigh	Millbrook	Robesville	T. B. Hough
Rocky Mount	Halifax	Ebenezer	W. C. Wilson
Rocky Mount	Kenly	Micro	F. A. Lupton
Rocky Mount	McKendree	Temperance Hall	S. S. Ellington
Wilmington	Elizabeth	Clarkton	N. M. Wright
Wilmington	Hallsboro	Gant's	N. P. Edens

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE

1931-1932

District	* Fourth Sunday	** Y. P. Special	Total
Durham	$609.90	$500.	$1109.90
Elizabeth City	150.95	226.80	377.75
Fayetteville	476.72	166.75	643.47
New Bern	256.10	204.65	460.75
Raleigh	416.09	413.74	829.83
Rocky Mount	521.76	108.93	630.69
Wilmington	199.34	162.86	362.20

GROWTH

Total-	1931-1932	$5210.01
Total-	1930-1931	3486.81 ***
	INCREASE	$1723.20

* Fourth Sunday offerings represent only 11 months' period, December 1, 1931 to November 1, 1932.
** Y. P. Special represents period from July 1, 1931 to July 1, 1932.
*** This includes $1323.56 raised by Epworth Leagues and directed to the African Special.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY

1931-1932

District	Schools Remitting	Amount
Durham	29	$120.50
Elizabeth City	26	111.12
Fayetteville	16	62.07
New Bern	17	73.22
Raleigh	7	24.27
Rocky Mount	29	127.39
Wilmington	20	74.54
Total-	144	$593.11
Last Year-	71	379.36
INCREASE	73	$213.75

GENERAL SUMMARY OF TRAINING WORK

1931-1932

	No.	Enrolled	Credits	Schools Represented
Standard				
Schools	10	539	385	70
Classes	2	27	18	3
Pastors' School			123	
Lake Junaluska			10	
Colleges:				
Duke University			481	
Miscellaneous			79	
Correspondence			29	
Y. P. Training Conference			13	
Total Standard Credits			1138	
Cokesbury				
Schools	102	1976	1313	189
Classes	8		80	
Correspondence			19	
Total Cokesbury Credits			1412	
Christian Culture Credits			508	
Christian Adventure Credits			113	
GRAND TOTAL CREDITS			3171	
Total Credits Last Year			2587	
INCREASE			584	

12 Standard Diplomas
20 Christian Culture Diplomas
1 Christian Culture Degree

STANDARD TRAINING SCHOOL RECORD

1931-1932

District	Schools	Enrolled	Credits	Participating Schools
Durham	2	155	109	19
Elizabeth City	NONE			
Fayetteville	1	31	23	5
New Bern	3	190	141	17
Raleigh	1	33	23	6
Rocky Mount	3	130	89	23
Wilmington	NONE			
Total-	10	539	385	70
Last Year-	3	192	142	23
INCREASE	7	347	243	47

COKESBURY TRAINING SCHOOL RECORD

1931-1932

District	Schools	Enrolled	Credits	Participating Schools
Durham	23	522	381	41
Elizabeth City	13	216	130	17
Fayetteville	12	249	163	25
New Bern	10	140	93	13
Raleigh	13	297	169	25
Rocky Mount	14	263	191	24
Wilmington	17	289	186	44
Total-	102	1976	1313	189
Last Year-	74	1459	956	141
INCREASE	28	517	357	48

44 NEW PLACES REACHED THIS YEAR
901 NEW PERSONS TOOK CREDIT THIS YEAR

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

1931-1932

Assemblies

	Total Registered	Credits
Christian Adventure Assembly	60	104
Young People's Assembly	283	508
Total-	343	612
Last Year-	272	502
INCREASE	71	110

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY

No. Divisions Observing	Amount Remitted
35	$99.26
Last Year-	25.34
INCREASE	$73.92

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSION SPECIAL

Total raised 1931-1932	$1823.86
Total raised 1930-1931	1323.56
INCREASE	$500.30

CHARTERS

1931-1932	77 divisions	4 unions
1930-1931	13 divisions	
*Total-	90 divisions	4 unions

*Adding the seven divisions chartered during October, the total number of chartered divisions in the N. C. Conference on November 1, 1932 is 101, including the four chartered unions.

CONFERENCE BOARD

1. Membership:

W. L. Clegg
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